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MANUFACTURING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign companies have applied for manufacturing telecommunications equipments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total investment likely to be made by the aforesaid companies on the manufacturing of the said equipments; and

(d) the names of the companies, applications of which have been accepted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d) Manufacture of telecommunications equipment do not require specific permission from the Government. Further, 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment is allowed under automatic route through Reserve Bank of India.

Some of the multi-national companies like Elcoteq, Nokia, LG, Ericsson, etc. have made certain announcement in the media showing their intent to manufacture telecom equipment in India. The likely amount of investment can not be estimated at this stage.